

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

I. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, fourth line from the bottom to page 2, line 10 as follows:

Accordingly, a packaging bag is provided by a sealed package; wherein, for example, as shown in Fig. 17(a), a laminated film 101 is made as a cylindrical shape, and at the same surface side, the facing two-edge parts of the film are laid on each other in a butt-seam manner, and as shown in Fig. 17(b), the laid-on sides are joined by heat-sealing to form an easily peelable region in a part of the region throughout an entire length in a longitudinal direction, and a cylindrical body is formed by providing a predetermined width of a heat-sealing part 102, and after said heat-sealing part 102 is made to be one-sided to one edge side of the cylinder, and after the bag is fabricated by providing a bottom heat-sealing part 103 by heat-sealing a lower line part of the cylindrical body excluding the lower line part of the heat-sealing part 102, contents 105 are filled in from an upper line part of an opening part of the cylindrical body, and then as shown in Fig. 17(c), the upper line part of the cylindrical body is heat-sealed to provide a heat-sealing part 104 of the upper part excluding the upper line part of the heat-sealing part 102.

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 2-19 as follows:

In order to achieve the above mentioned object according to claim 1, the present invention is to provide with a packaging bag having the steam venting function; wherein the packaging bag ~~comprises that~~includes two sheets of front and back main body films having respective sealant layers that are laid on by making facing said sealant layers inward, and a bottom seal part and side seal parts are provided by sealing three sides, and a space of a top intended part for heat seal is opened; and a fold-in part, ~~consisting of~~including facing an inner sheet part and an outer sheet part by bending the main body film of the front side into Z shape, is formed in the main body film of the front side in the vicinity of the bottom seal part across an entire bag width making parallel to said bottom seal part; and the above mentioned fold-in part has a steam venting port; and a seal part is provided wherein an easily peelable tape having an easily peelable property is provided on one side throughout a width direction of the bag making parallel to the fold-in part in an inside of the fold-in part and an easily peelable side of the easily peelable tape is heat-sealed in making positioning to the inner sheet part side of the fold-in part; and the easily peelable seal part made as a capable of a delamination by thermal welding of the easily peelable side of the easily peelable tape in the above mentioned seal part and a sealant layer of the above mentioned inner sheet part, is positioned around said steam venting port so as to solve the above mentioned subject.

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, lines 31-35 as follows:

Also, referring to the present invention, it is possible that the above mentioned seal part has one non-seal part or more ~~consisting of~~including a non-seal region with one side continuous to a mountain folding edge of the fold-in part while three sides are surrounded by a seal region and the above mentioned steam venting port is positioned in said non-seal parts.

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 1-4 as follows:

Also, referring to the present invention, it is possible that in the above mentioned fold-in part the multiple numbers of the above mentioned seal parts are provided in making a discontinuous state through the non-seal parts ~~consisting of~~including the non-heat-seal region

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 33 to page 5, line 2 as follows:

Also, referring to the present invention, it is possible that in both edges of the above mentioned fold-in part, the non seal part ~~consisting of~~ including the non-heat-seal region between said seal part and the side seal part is provided and said non-seal part is the line symmetry making the vertical central line of the packaging bag as the axis of symmetry.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 1-2 as follows:

Figures 9(a)-(b) illustrates modification examples of a seal part according to the second embodiment of the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, line 35 to page 10, line 6, as follows:

A packaging bag 1 according to the first embodiment of the present invention ~~comprises that includes~~ a front side main body film 2 and a back side main body film 3 which are respectively laminated films, are laid on, and as shown in Fig.1(b), a bottom seal part 4 and both sides of side seal parts 5,5 are formed by thermal welding of edge parts circumference with thermal adhesive sealant layers 2s, 3s which are formed by lamination in inner surfaces of the laid-on films by ~~means of heat-sealing so that a content A~~ contents, such as liquid or solid, ~~is made so as to enable for filling can fill the bag 1.~~

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, lines 7-15 as follows:

As for the main body film 2 of the above mentioned front side, the front side main body film 2, by making parallel to the bottom seal part 4 at the bottom seal part 4 side across an entire width direction of the bag, is bent back toward the bottom seal part 4 side once, and a fold-in part 8 is provided in such a manner that the main body film 2, which is folded from a valley folding edge 6 to the bottom seal part 4 side, is made to be folded parallel to the bottom seal part 4 from a mountain folding edge 7 in the vicinity of the bottom seal part 4, and the fold-in part 8 is formed as the form which an inner sheet part 9 of an inside and an outer sheet 10 of an outside are combined to face respective thermal adhesive sealant layers 2s, ~~each other.~~

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, lines 16-20 as follows:

The above mentioned fold-in part 8 formed in the front side main body film 2 ~~comprises~~ includes one steam venting port 11. The steam venting port 11 is positioned in the above mentioned inner sheet part 9. The steam venting port 11 may be provided as a small hole at the center of the inner sheet part or may be provided as a cutout or slit along the mountain folding edge 7.

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 5-17 as follows:

~~As mentioned above, the A seal part 15 is formed by heat-sealing in the state which the inner sheet part 9 and the outer sheet part 10 are laid on placing the easily peelable tape 12 in between. See, e.g. Fig. 3(d). In the above mentioned seal part 15, the high strength adhesive side 14 of the easily peelable tape 12 and the thermal adhesive sealant layer 2s of the outer sheet part 10 are thermally welded and a seal part to make the incapable render delamination not possible, even by the increased internal pressure which makes to swellswells the bag, is formed between the easily peelable tape 12 and the outer sheet part 10, as will be described later. Also, in the seal part 15, the above mentioned easily peelable side 13 of the easily peelable tape 12 and the thermal adhesive sealant layer 2s of the inner sheet part 9 are thermally welded and the easily peelable seal part which delaminates as a result of the increased internal pressure which makes to swellswells the bag, is formed between the easily peelable tape 12 and the inner sheet part 9. And the steam venting port 11 is positioned in the above mentioned easily peelable seal part.~~

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 18-27 as follows:

Since the seal part 15 having the steam venting port 11 ~~comprises~~ includes the above mentioned structure, the sealed packaging bag swells by a generation of steam in the inside of the bag, while cooking in the microwave oven, and when a force so as to separate the inner sheet part 9 and the outer sheet port 10 is added to the fold-in part 8, at the easily peelable seal portion in the seal part 15, the delamination between the inner sheet part 9 and the easily peelable tape 12 accelerates and the seal retracts to a mountain folding edge side of the fold-in part 8, accordingly the steam venting port 11 is opened, and the steam generated in the bag ~~becomes so as to is released~~ from the opened steam venting port 11, and no rupture of the bag occurs by keeping down the excessive increase of the internal pressure.

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, line 28 to page 12, line 1, as follows:

The above mentioned both sides of the fold-in part 8 are formed as the side seal parts 5 while fabricating a bag. And according to the first embodiment, at the side seal parts 5 of the fold-in part 8, the easily peelable tape 12 is positioned between the inner sheet part 9 and the outer sheet part 10, and the easily peelable side 13 of the easily peelable tape 12 at the corresponding position with the side seal parts 5, is also thermally welded to the thermal adhesive sealant layer 2s of the inner sheet part 9. However, when the internal pressure increases to expand the fold-in part 8, the opening of the above mentioned steam venting port 11 is performed earlier so that the steam venting port 11 is provided not to accelerate the delamination at the side seal parts 5.

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 2-10 as follows:

According to the first embodiment, in order not to accelerate unnecessary delamination at both sides of the fold-in part 8, at side seal parts 5 thereof which are positioned in the opposite to the above mentioned bottom seal part side of the fold-in part 8 and which are made directly to heat-seal with the front and back main body films 2, 3, the extended side seal part 46 is formed in the state of a part entered into the inner side. Accordingly, even in case that the bag is swollen, a force as a result of the increased inner pressure is difficult to apply to the fold-in part 8 and the side seal part 46-respectively so that the extended side seal part 46 is provided to avoid positively the delamination at the both sides of the side seal parts 46 of the fold-in part 8.

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 11-20 as follows:

As for the packaging bag 1, the edge of front and back main body films 2, 3 which is apart from the fold-in part 8 locating facing to the bottom seal part 4 is a top intended part for heat seal 17 across the width of the bag and is made as the opening for contents filling use. And as for the packaging bag 1, in the side seal parts 5, at the height of the position in the vicinity of the bottom seal part 4, an easy cutting means 18 such as a cutout or a machine line and the like is provided. By providing the easy cutting means 18, the packaging bag as shown below can easily be torn to open without the use of cutting tools such as scissors and the like. Here, the easy cutting means 18 can be provided to the position at the height in the vicinity of the top intended part for heat seal 17.

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, line 23 to page 13, line 2, as follows:

A package 20 which is heat-sealed at the top seal part 19 is obtained by filling contents from the opening of the top intended part for heat seal 17 of the above mentioned packaging bag 1 and by heat sealing the top intended part for heat seal 17 (Fig.4). The package 20 is laid horizontally so as to face up the fold-in part 8 in the microwave oven and cooked, and when by the increase of temperature in the inside of the package, the bag is swollen by the swollen air or by the increase of pressure as a result of the generation of steam, as described above, the space between the inner sheet part 9 and the outer sheet part 10 opens at the fold-in part 8. And the ~~delamination~~delamination accelerates at the easily peelable seal part in the seal part 15, and in the state which the easily peelable tape 12 remains at the outer sheet part 10, the steam venting port 11 is opened (Fig.5), and from the opened steam venting port 11 the steam is made to discharge to outward. Accordingly, the package 20 does not make-rupture and stain of the inside of the microwave oven. Also, since the steam venting continues to perform appropriately, a pressure gradually drops and steaming effects and the like can be added to the cooking materials.

Please amend the paragraph at page 13, lines 8-15 as follows:

The above mentioned front and back main body films 2, 3 ~~comprise~~include a composite film made of ~~laminated~~by laminating at least a base layer 21 and the above mentioned sealant layers 2s, 3s (Refer to Fig.2(a)). The base layer 21 is film-like or sheet-like material and the plastic film or sheet having comparatively heat resistive property which is used for common packaging material, such as polyolefin (polyethylene, polypropylene and the like), polyester (polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate and the like), polyamide (nylon-6, nylon-66, polyimide and the like) and their copolymers, can be used.

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 22-29 as follows:

Initially, in Fig_3 (a), while the front side film 2 in a continuous form (as a wind roll form) is made for an unwinding and run in a horizontal direction (front and back direction in the Figure), the steam venting port 11 is formed in the region which becomes the inner sheet part, and then the fold-in part 8 is formed by obtaining the inner sheet part 9 and the outer sheet part 10 where the both sides edge parts 2a, 2a of the film width direction are folded back in reverse direction in turn mutually into V-letter shape in the position of the valley folding edge 6 and the mountain folding edge 7 by means of a folding guide plate_(not shown in Fig.).

Please amend the paragraph at page 15, lines 3-13 as follows:

Then, while the main body films 2,3 are made to the unwinding and run at the same speed, Fig.3(b), masking shields A (heat masking shields) are inserted below the inner sheet parts 9 from the upper sides of each edge part 2a, 2a of the main body film 2. And, from the upper sides of the main body film 2 facing toward the portions where the easily peelable tapes 12 are situated, heat sealers B (long heat seal bars to film-run direction) are made to operate downward and are made to heat-seal by thermal press, in such a manner that the thermal adhesive sealant layers 2s of the inner sheet parts 9 and the easily adhesive sides of the easily peelable tapes 12 are ~~made to thermally welding-welded~~ and also, in such a manner that the high strength adhesive sides of the easily peelable tapes 12 and the thermal adhesive sealant layers 2s of the outer sheet parts 10 are thermally welded.

Please amend the paragraph at page 15, lines 18-26 as follows:

And then the above mentioned masking shields A are removed from the region of respective edge parts 2a, 3a of the main body films 2, 3, and after the main body films 2, 3 are temporally made to stop_(or while making the unwinding run), as shown in Fig 3(c), respective edge parts 2a, 3a of both edges of the width direction of the main body films 2, 3 are heat-sealed by the thermal press by ~~making to operate~~operating downward ~~of the~~ upper edge heat sealers D (long heat sealers to the film run direction) from the upper sides toward each receiving base C. Accordingly, respective edge parts 2a, 3a of both sides width direction of the main body films 2, 3 are heat-sealed to form the bottom seal part 4 shown in Fig.1 (a) to (b).

Please amend the paragraph at page 15, line 27 to page 16, line 2, as follows:

And then, side sealers provided to the direction perpendicular to the unwinding and run direction of the main body films 2, 3 (long and narrow heat seal bars to the film width direction ~~comprising~~ including side seal width, not shown in Figure) are made to operate downward to the direction perpendicular to the unwinding and run direction of the main body films 2, 3 against a side seal receiving base E at even intervals to the unwinding direction, and the sealant layers 2s, 3s which face mutually at the side parts of the main body films 2, 3 and laid-on portions of the edge parts of the fold-in parts 8 (the portions which the inner sides of the inner side parts face to the easily peelable sides of the easily peelable tapes ~~each other~~ and which the high strength adhesive sides of the easily peelable tapes face to the inner sides of the outer sheet parts ~~each other~~) are thermally pressed.

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 3-8 as follows:

Here, in the edge parts of the fold-in parts 8, the inner sides of the inner sheet parts 9 and the inner sides of the outer sheet parts 10 can be made so as to face each other directly, by providing through holes in the edge parts of the easily peelable tapes 12, or by providing the width sides of the easily peelable tapes 12 to be ~~smaller size than~~ the up-down size of the fold-in parts 8, and if such cases are provided, the portions are also heat-sealed by the above mentioned side sealer E.

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 11-17 as follows:

The inner sheet parts 9 in the main body film 2 are thermally pressed by the above mentioned side sealer in the laid-on state with the main body film 2 besides the fold-in parts 8, but the mutual facing surfaces of the main body film 2 of the bottom seal parts 4 side and the opposing above mentioned inner sheet parts 9, become the non-seal state which the side seals are not made, since the thermal adhesive sealant layers 2s made of a low melting point thermal adhesive resin are situated to the opposite side base layers ~~each other~~ (higher melting point than sealant layer 2s resin).

Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 24-31 as follows:

As for the examples, the seal part 15 is formed by heat-sealing throughout the upper line portion along the mountain folding edge 7 of the fold-in part 8 to the bag width direction. And the above mentioned seal part 15 has three non-seal parts 23 ~~comprising~~ including a non-seal region wherein one side is continuous to the mountain folding edge 7 and three sides are surrounded by the seal region and the above mentioned steam venting ports 11 are positioned to said non-seal parts 23. The steam venting ports 11 are formed by cutting with integrating the inner sheet part 9 and the easily peelable tape 12 and the outer sheet part 10 in the non-seal parts 23.

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, lines 10-18 as follows:

Also, according to the second embodiment of the present invention, the width size of the easily peelable tape 12 is ~~provided to larger size than~~ the height size along the perpendicular direction to the longitudinal direction of the fold-in part of the inner sheet part 9, and the high strength adhesive 14 side of a lower edge part 24 of the easily peelable tape 12 is thermally welded by heat seal to the thermal adhesive sealant layer 2s which is the inner side of the main body film 2 continuous to the outer sheet part 10 so that the ~~delamination~~ delamination by steam pressure is in incapable state. The easily peelable side 13 at the lower edge part 24 of the easily peelable tape 12 does not face to the inner sheet part 8 and is in the non-adhesive state.

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, lines 25-30 as follows:

Accordingly, also in the both sides of the side seal parts 5 of the fold-in part 8, the easily peelable side 13 of the easily peelable tape 12 has the portion which is thermally welded with the opposing side portion by heat-sealing, and when the bag is swollen, the above mentioned steam venting ports 11 are opened so that the seal retraction at the portion is provided so as not to occur and also, a device is made to avoid the seal retraction in accordance with the following structure.

Please amend the paragraph at page 18, lines 15-21 as follows:

Initially, in Fig_8(a), the fold-in parts 8 are formed by obtaining the inner sheet parts 9 and the outer sheet parts 10 where the two sides edge parts 2a, 2a of the film width direction are folded back in reverse direction in turn ~~each other~~ into V-letter shape in the positions of the valley folding edges 6 and the mountain folding edges 7 by means of a folding guide plate_(not shown in Fig.), while the front side of film 2 in a continuous form_(as a wind roll form) is made to the unwinding and run in a horizontal direction_(front and back direction in Fig.), simultaneously.

Please amend the paragraph at page 18, lines 22-32 as follows:

And then, while the main body film 2 which formed the inner sheet parts 9 and the outer sheet parts 10 is made to the unwinding and run (Fig_8_(a)), to the under side of the main body film 2, the main body film_3 in the back side of the continuous form_(the wind roll form) is made to the unwinding and run with the same run speed to the horizontal direction (front and back side direction in Figure) in adjusting with both edges parts 2a, 2a of the main body film 2, simultaneously, and the easily peelable tapes 12 in a continuous form are inserted into the space of each inner sheet part 9 and the outer sheet part 10 horizontally (front and back side direction in Figure) while making the unwinding and run. Here, in the positions which become the corresponding parts to the side seal parts 5 of the fold-in parts 8 of the easily peelable tapes 12, the above mentioned punched holes 25 are previously punched.

Please amend the paragraph at page 19, lines 31-35 as follows:

Accordingly, the seal parts 15 are formed to the fold-in parts 8 which the inner sheet parts 9 and the outer sheet parts 10 providing the easily peelable tapes 12 in between are made to facing face each other. In the seal parts 15, as mentioned above, the non-seal parts 23 are provided so as to continue to the mountain folding edges 7 at the positions of the center and right and left of the bag.

Please amend the paragraph at page 20, lines 14-24 as follows:

And then, Fig.8_(f), a side sealer_(a long and narrow heat seal bar to the film width direction ~~comprising~~including a side seal width, not shown in the Figure.) which is provided in a direction perpendicular to the unwinding run direction of the main body films 2, 3, is made to operate downward to the side seal receiving base E in the direction perpendicular to the unwinding run direction of the main body films 2, 3 and to the unwinding run direction at even intervals, and thermally presses to the sealant layers 2s, 3s mutually facing to the side parts of the main body films 2, 3 and the laid-on parts of the edge parts of the fold-in parts 8_(the portions which the insides_ of the inner sheet parts ~~faces to~~face the easily peelable side of the easily peelable tapes and which the high strength adhesive sides_ of the easily peelable tapes faces to the insides_ of the outer sheet parts).

Please amend the paragraph at page 20, line 35 to page 21, line 5 as follows:

According to the illustrated embodiment of the present invention, the seal parts 15 are formed so as to continue to the regions of the side seal parts 5, and as shown in Fig.9 (a), at both edges of the seal parts 15, the non-seal parts 27, which are a line symmetry in making the vertical central line 0 of the packaging bag 1 as an axis of symmetry and which are not performed by heat sealing, may be ~~acceptable to be~~ provided.

Please amend the paragraph at page 21, lines 11-21 as follows:

Also, the shapes of the above mentioned steam venting ports 11, as shown in Fig.9(a), can be ~~acceptable~~ nearly as a square shape one side open which ~~comprises~~includes oblique or vertical downward short straight lines in the both edges of the straight line shape in parallel to the straight line of the mountain folding edge 7 or can be ~~acceptable~~ nearly as a mountain folding shape or nearly a circular arc shape which projects to the above mentioned straight line, or as shown in Fig.9(b), can be ~~acceptable as an~~ oblique lines_ as tapered double lines_ like shape. An oblong shape, ellipse shape besides narrow line slit shape (or extremely narrow line slit shape) as a pierce providing a hole, can be acceptable for the steam venting ports 11 if necessary. Also, the non-seal parts 23 of the above mentioned steam venting ports 11 are not always required.

Please amend the paragraph at page 21, lines 23-30 as follows:

Figs. 10(a)-(d) shows the third embodiment of the present invention. According to the embodiment, at the center of the fold-in part 8, the seal part 15 is formed so as to continue to the mountain folding edge 7, and is made as a discontinuous state with both sides of side seal parts 5 through the non-seal part 27 in the fold-in part 8. Also, the above mentioned seal part 15 has the non-seal part 23 so as to continue to the mountain folding edge 7, and at the non-seal part 23, the steam venting port 11 is formed as a cutout type. Moreover, the right and left lower lines of the lower line of the seal part 15 are made as the oblique lower lines 28.

Please amend the paragraph at page 21, line 31 to page 22, line 6, as follows:

And as shown in Fig. 10(a), the side seal parts 5 which are located adjacent to the fold-in part 8 and the opposite side of the bottom seal part 4 are provided by the extended seal parts 29 which are extended toward the central side of the bag. Since the extended seal parts 29 are provided in such a way, when the package obtained from the packaging bag 1 is cooked, the steam flow is guided to the steam venting port 11 side so that the pressure ~~is designed so as to makes it~~ difficult to apply to the both sides of the side seal part of the fold-in part 8. Also, since the side seal parts 5 are made to be partly wide, temperature increase of the extended seal parts 29 is so low that the extended seal parts 29 as the picking-up parts, ~~are made to be able to be~~ picked up with finger tips even immediately after the bag is cooked by the microwave oven.

Please amend the paragraph at page 22, lines 9-20 as follows:

Figs. 11 (a)-(b) shows the fourth embodiment of the present invention. According to the embodiment, in the center and right and left sides of the fold-in part 8, three seal parts 15 are formed so as to continue to the mountain folding edges 7, and the right and left seal parts 15 are made in a continuous state with both sides of the side seal parts 5 in the fold-in part 8. Also, the above mentioned seal parts 15 have the non-seal parts 23 so as to continue to the mountain folding edges 7 where in the non-seal parts 23 the steam venting ports 11 are formed as a cutout type. Moreover, the seal part 15 at the central position, and the seal parts 15 at the right and left, are provided in the discontinuous state through the non-seal parts 27, and each steam venting port 11 and the above mentioned non-seal parts 27 are made to ~~provide so as to be~~ adjacent. Accordingly ~~as performing in such a way~~, the opening of each steam venting port 11 can be conducted satisfactorily even having with multiple steam venting ports 11.

Please amend the paragraph at page 23, lines 6-12 as follows:

Fig. 14 and Fig. 15 show the sixth embodiment of the present invention. According to the embodiment, the non-seal parts 23 are located in the center of the fold-in part 8, and the steam venting port 11 is positioned in the non-seal part 23 and the seal part 15 is provided to be a convex facing against opposite side to the mountain folding edge 7, and further, the lateral side seal parts 33 ~~comprising including~~ the non-sealing part 23 ~~in the~~ at both sides of the central seal part 15 are provided ~~to side by side~~ through the non-seal parts 27.

Please amend the paragraph at page 23, lines 13-19 as follows:

And in the above mentioned central seal part 15, the seal width at the width direction of the bag of the vertical parts 34 continuous to the mountain folding edge 7 of the seal region is provided to be ~~larger size than~~ the seal width at the perpendicular direction to the width direction of the bag of the horizontal part 35 along the width direction of the bag of the seal region. ~~By such a~~ In this manner, the seal retraction is held down by the vertical parts 34 at the seal part 15 even if the bag is swollen and the flow of the steam is made in capable to control.

Please amend the paragraph at page 23, lines 20-26 as follows:

Moreover, in respective lateral side seal parts 33, the vertical parts 34 of the side seal part side of the seal region are provided to extend to the opposite side to the mountain folding edge 7, and the horizontal parts 35 of the seal region ~~is~~are inclined so as to lean to the opposite side with the mountain folding edge as approaching from the seal parts 15 sides to the side seal parts 5 sides. ~~By such a~~In this manner, when the bag is swollen, the swell shifts to the central seal parts 15 sides and can be made not to shift to the side seal parts 5 sides.

Please amend the paragraph at page 23, line 29 to page 24, line 3, as follows:

Figs. 16(a) and (b) shows the seventh embodiment of the present invention. According to the embodiment, the seal width of the side seal parts 5 is made to change across the length direction of the side seal part. Namely, the seal width of the side seal parts 5 in the vicinity of the bottom seal part 4 is made to be narrower than the seal width of the side seal parts 5 in the vicinity of the top intended part for heat seal 17 in the opposing position of the bottom seal part 4. Accordingly, the seal width of the side seal part 5 is made to be gradually ~~broad-width~~broaden from the vicinity ~~location~~ of the bottom seal part 4 ~~as approaching to the vicinity position of the~~ as approaching to the vicinity position of the ~~above mentioned top intended part for heat seal 17.~~

Please amend the paragraph at page 24, lines 4-6 as follows:

By this means, even if the package is swollen by heating, the center of swelling is made so as to slide to the fold-in part 8 side, and even if the top seal part is made to be the impurities seal state, the seal retraction at the top seal part can be ~~made to prevented~~prevented.

Please amend the paragraph at page 24, lines 9-10 as follows:

A packaging bag and a package were fabricated according to the embodiment shown in Figs. 1 to 5.

Please amend the paragraph at page 24, lines 19-24 as follows:

And then, a fold-in part 8 by folding a front side of a main body film 2 into two at a folding line situated nearer to the outside edge in relation to center to a width direction, was formed, and simultaneously, a small hole was punched as a steam venting port 11 around nearby center in the vicinity of a mountain folding edge 7 of an inner sheet part 9 of the front side main body film 2 which was to fold into two for the fold-in part 8.

Please amend the paragraph at page 24, lines 30-34 as follows:

The front side main body film 2 and a back side main body film 3 ~~which were provided by such fabrication,~~ were laid on facing the mutual sealant layers 2s, 3s, and a bottom side and both sides in the vicinity of the fold-in part 8 were thermally welded to provide a bottom seal part 4 and side seal parts 5, respectively, so that a packaging bag 1 having the steam venting function was able to be fabricated.

Please amend the paragraph at page 25, lines 4-8 as follows:

The internal pressure was raised with heating, ~~and the packaging bag has become swelling, began to swell,~~ and the steam venting port 11 opened by retraction of an easily peelable seal portion of the seal part 15 so that the steam in the inside was released by leaking to outside, and the package 20 did not ~~make a bag-breaking~~ break. Also, the contents did not make any leakage/leak.

Please amend the paragraph at page 25, lines 13-17 as follows:

As a front side main body film and a back side main body film, a composite film was prepared with a layer structure, providing aluminum oxide vapor deposition polyethylene terephthalate film (thickness 12 μ m)(base layer)/biaxially oriented nylon film (thickness 15 μ m)(intermediate layer)/non-oriented polypropylene film (thickness 80 μ m)(sealant layer).

Please amend the paragraph at page 25, lines 24-27 as follows:

The same width with the fold-in part of the easily peelable tape 12 was thermally welded, along a mountain folded edge 7 in the space of a sealant layer 2s of the fold-in part 8, and in a non-seal part 23 a steam venting port 11 was formed as a small hole after the seal part was formed.

Please amend the paragraph at page 25, lines 28-32 as follows:

The front side main body film 2 and a back side main body film 3 ~~which were provided by such fabrication,~~ were laid on facing the mutual sealant layers 2s, 3s, and a bottom side and both sides in the vicinity of the fold-in part 8 were thermally welded to provide a bottom seal part 4 and side seal parts 5, respectively so that a packaging bag 1 having the steam venting function was able to be fabricated.

Please amend the paragraph at page 26, lines 2-6 as follows:

The internal pressure was raised with heating, ~~and the packaging bag has become swelling,~~ began to swell, and the steam venting port 11 opened by retraction of an easily peelable seal portion of the seal part 15 so that the steam in the inside was released by leaking to outside, and the package 20 did not ~~make a bag-breaking~~ break. Also, the contents did not ~~make any leakage-leak.~~

Please amend the paragraph at page 26, lines 10-14 as follows:

As a front side main body film and a back side main body film, a composite film was prepared with a layer structure, providing aluminum oxide vapor deposition polyethylene terephthalate film (thickness 12 μ m)(base layer)/biaxially oriented nylon film (thickness 15 μ m)(intermediate layer)/non-oriented polypropylene film (thickness 80 μ m)(sealant layer).

Please amend the paragraph at page 26, lines 26-30 as follows:

The front side main body film 2 and a back side main body film 3 ~~which were provided by such fabrication,~~ were laid on facing the mutual sealant layers 2s, 3s, and a bottom side and both sides in the vicinity of the fold-in part 8 were thermally welded to provide a bottom seal part 4 and side seal parts 5, respectively, so that a packaging bag 1 having the steam venting function was able to be fabricated.

Please amend the paragraph at page 26, line 35 to page 27, line 4, as follows:

The internal pressure was raised with heating, ~~and the packaging bag has become swelling, began to swell,~~ and the steam venting port 11 opened by retraction of easily peelable seal portion of the seal part 15 so that the steam in the inside was released by leaking to outside, and the package 20 did not ~~make a bag-breaking~~break. Also, the contents did not make any leakage~~leak~~.

Please amend the paragraph at page 27, lines 6-7 as follows:

A packaging bag and a package are made according to the embodiment shown in Fig. 12, Fig. 13.

Please amend the paragraph at page 27, lines 8-12 as follows:

As a front side main body film and a back side main body film, a composite film was prepared with a layer structure, providing aluminum oxide vapor deposition polyethylene terephthalate film (thickness 12 μ m)(base layer)/biaxially oriented nylon film (thickness 15 μ m)(intermediate layer)/non-oriented polypropylene film (thickness 80 μ m)(sealant layer).

Please amend the paragraph at page 27, lines 19-23 as follows:

The same width with the fold-in part of an easily peelable tape 12 is thermally welded, along a mountain folding edge 7 in the space of sealant layer 2s of the fold-in part 8, and after ~~closing seal~~ parts 15 and a lateral side seal part 31 are made to discontinuous pattern mutually and are formed, in a non-seal part 23 of each seal part 15 a steam venting port 11 was formed as a small hole.

Please amend the paragraph at page 27, lines 24-28 as follows:

The front side main body film 2 and a back side main body film 3 ~~which were provided by such fabrication,~~ were laid on facing the mutual sealant layers 2s, 3s, and a bottom side and both sides in the vicinity of the fold-in part 8 were thermally welded to provide a bottom seal part 4 and side seal parts 5, respectively, so that a packaging bag 1 having the steam venting function was able to be fabricated.

Please amend the paragraph at page 27, line 33 to page 28, line 2, as follows:

The internal pressure was raised with heating, ~~and the packaging bag has become swelling, began to swell,~~ and the steam venting port 11 opened by retraction of easily peelable seal portion of a the seal part 15 so that the steam in the inside was released by leaking to outside, and the package 20 did not ~~make a bag-breaking~~break. Also, the contents did not make any leakage-leak.

Please amend the paragraph at page 28, lines 4-5 as follows:

A packaging bag and a package were made according to the embodiment shown in Fig._14, Fig._15.

Please amend the paragraph at page 28, lines 6-10 as follows:

As a front side main body film and a back side main body film, a composite film was prepared with a layer structure, providing aluminum oxide vapor deposition polyethylene terephthalate film_(thickness 12 μ m)(base layer)/biaxially oriented nylon film_(thickness 15 μ m)(intermediate layer)/non-oriented polypropylene film (thickness 80 μ m)(sealant layer).

Please amend the paragraph at page 28, lines 17-21 as follows:

The same width with the fold-in part of an easily peelable tape 12 is thermally welded, along a mountain folded edge 7 in the space of sealant layer 2s of the fold-in part 8, and after a seal part 15 and the right and left of a lateral side seal part 33 are made to mutually discontinuous pattern and were formed, in a non-seal part 23 of each seal part 15 a steam venting port 11 was formed as a small hole.

Please amend the paragraph at page 28, lines 22-26 as follows:

_____ The front side main body film 2 and a back side main body film 3 ~~which were provided by such fabrication~~, were laid on facing the mutual sealant layers 2s, 3s, and a bottom side and both sides in the vicinity of the fold-in part 8 were thermally welded to provide a bottom seal part 4 and the side seal parts 5, respectively, so that a packaging bag 1 having the steam venting function was able to be fabricated.

Please amend the paragraph at page 28, lines 31-35 as follows:

The internal pressure was raised with heating, ~~and the packaging bag has become swelling began to swell~~, and the steam venting port 11 opened by retraction of easily peelable seal portion of the seal part 15 so that the inner steam was released by leaking to outside, and the package 20 did not ~~make a bag-breaking break~~. Also, the contents ~~did not make any leakage leak~~.

Please amend the paragraph at page 29, lines 4-8 as follows:

As a front side main body film and a back side main body film, a composite film was prepared with a layer structure, providing aluminum oxide vapor deposition polyethylene terephthalate film (thickness 12 μ m)(base layer)/biaxially oriented nylon film (thickness 15 μ m)(intermediate layer)/non-oriented polypropylene film (thickness 80 μ m)(sealant layer).

Please amend the paragraph at page 29, lines 18-22 as follows:

_____ The front side main body film 2 and a back side main body film 3 ~~which were provided by such fabrication~~, were laid on facing the mutual sealant layers 2s, 3s, and a bottom side and both sides in the vicinity of the fold-in part 8 were thermally welded to provide a bottom seal part 4 and side seal parts 5, respectively, so that a packaging bag 1 having the steam venting function was able to be fabricated.

Please amend the paragraph at page 29, lines 25-28 as follows:

_____An appropriate amount of water was filled into the packaging bag 1 and a package 20 was made by heat sealing a top intended part for heat seal 17, and the package 20 was laid horizontally with facing up the fold-in part 8 which the easily peelable tape 12 was thermally welded, and was heated by a microwave oven.

Please amend the paragraph at page 29, lines 29-33 as follows:

The internal pressure was raised with heating, ~~and the packaging bag has become swelling, began to swell,~~ and the steam venting port 11 opened by retraction of easily peelable seal portion of the seal part 15 so that the steam in the inside was released by leaking to outside, and the package 20 did not ~~make a bag-breaking break~~. Also, the contents did not make any leakage leak.

Please amend the paragraph at page 30, lines 1-3 as follows:

As mentioned above, the present invention is suitable for a packaging bag in order to keep goods which are heated by use of heating device, such as a microwave oven and the like, and is suitable for a packaging bag to keep the goods.